

REMARKS

This responds to the Restriction Requirement dated June 8, 2006 (hereinafter "Restriction Requirement").

No claims are amended, claims 15-20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 4, 9-14, and 22 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 23-36 are added; as a result, claims 1-14 and 21-36 are now pending in this application. Applicant submits that the additions to the claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and no new matter has been added. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the canceled and withdrawn claims in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests examination and allowance of pending claims 1-3, 5-8, 21, and 23-36.

Election of Invention:

Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, drawn to an implantable lead and including claims 1-14 and 21-36. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute Group II, drawn to a method and identified in the Restriction Requirement as including claims 15-20, in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

Election of Species:

Applicant provisionally elects the species designated in the Office Action as "represented by Fig 3." (Office Action, page 2). Applicant asserts the following claims are readable on the designated species: 1-3, 5-8, 21, and 23-36. Applicant respectfully requests examination and allowance of claims 1-3, 5-8, 21, and 23-36.

Generic Claims:

Applicant submits that claim 1 is generic to pending claims 2-3, 5-7, 21, and 23-27 and withdrawn claims 4 and 22. If claim 1 is allowed, then claims 2-3, 5-7, 21, and 23-27 and claims 4 and 22 should also be allowed.

Applicant further submits that claim 8 is generic to pending claims 28-36 and withdrawn claims 9-14. If claim 8 is allowed, then claims 28-36 and claims 9-14 should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3276 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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